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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MALI BY US HYDROLOGIST AND GROUND-WATER
GEOLOGIST CONSULTANT

1. ROBERT C. VORHIS, CONSULTING GROUND-WATER GEOLOGIST
AND HYDROLOGIST OF DECATUR, GEORGIA, CALLED ON AF/W
RECENTLY TO SEEK GENERAL COST-OF-LIVING AND BUSINESS
OPERATION EXPENSE INFORMATION FOR MALI. VORHIS IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS FRENCH-SPEAKING, AFRICAN-EXPERIENCED CONSULTANT
WHO ONLY FEW DAYS EARLIER HAD ACCEPTED ASSIGNMENT FROM
FIRM TIPTON AND KALMBACH, DENVER, COLORADO, TO SIZE UP
COST SITUATION FOR GROUND WATER INVESTIGATION SURVEY THE
FIRM PLANS IN MALI. VORHIS EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN BAMAKO
AUGUST 3 AFTER STOPOVER IN DAKAR TO ESTABLISH CONTACT
WITH SENEGALESE FIRM ASSOCIATED WITH TIPTON AND KALMBACH
(IDENTIFIED AS "SONAGEP") WHICH IS TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING
NAMES AND SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE MALIAN
OFFICIALS.

2. VORHIS SEEMED UNINFORMED ABOUT HIS PURPOSE AND
REQUIREMENTS IN MALI. COUNTRY OFFICER STRONGLY SUGGESTED
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THAT VORHIS SEEK FURTHER, AND MUCH MORE PRECISE, DETAILS

REGARDING HIS ASSIGNMENT FROM TIPTON AND KALMBACH BEFORE
PROCEEDING TO BAMAKO, AND IMPRESSED UPON VORHIS THAT MORE

CAREFULLY DEFINED MISSION IS ESSENTIAL TO EFFECTIVE
EMBASSY ADVICE AND, AS APPROPRIATE, ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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